

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KAZUYOSHI TANAKA ET AL. )  
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND ) Confirmation No.: 2423  
INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEM )  
FOR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS )

Customer No.: 23413

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

VIA EFS-Web  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 23, 2007, Applicant submits the following response.